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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO TURKEY AND IRAQ

REF: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 0425 (NOTAL)

(B) KUALA LUMPUR 0081 (NOTAL), (C) KUWAIT 0747 (NOTAL)

1. MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, FOR VISITS TO TURKEY AND IRAQ. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, TRADE AND CULTURE AGREEMENTS WILL BE SIGNED THAT WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE SIGNED ON DATUK HUSSEIN'S VISITS TO CAIRO AND TRIPOLI LAST MONTH. DATUK HUSSEIN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DATIN SUHAILA, FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU DATUK AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN, DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK HAJI OTHMAN ABDULLAH, AND A TEAM OF OFFICIALS FROM  
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THE TREASURY, ECONOMIC PLANNING UNIT, AND MFA. FIRST STOP WILL BE ISTANBUL, WHERE HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR, KAMAL SENTURK AND SPEND TWO DAYS, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL TRAVEL TO ANKARA FOR TALKS WITH HIS COUNTERPART, SULEYMAN DEMIREL, AND A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT FAHRI S. KORUTURK. DATUK HUSSEIN WILL DEPART FEB 14 AND,

ACCORDING REF C, OVERNIGHT IN KUWAIT BEFORE PROCEEDING TO BAGHDAD FOR TALKS WITH REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN. NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY "BERNAMA" REPORTS VISIT TO IRAQ WILL CENTER ON EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, MALAYSIA HOPING TO SEND STUDENTS TO IRAQ FOR TRAINING IN PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT AND OFFERING IN TURN TO TRAIN IRAQI PERSONNEL IN AGRICULTURAL AND LAND DEVELOPMENT. DATUK HUSSEIN IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR FEB 18.

2. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFS A AND B, VISITS ARE PART OF SERIES INVOLVING MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES. MALAYSIA ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE TIES WITH MIDDLE EASTERN MUSLIM COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE SEEN AS ALLIES IN VARIOUS THIRD WORLD INITIATIVES AS WELL AS SOURCES OF CAPITAL AND PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY, AND POTENTIAL MARKETS. DATUK HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY HAS TURKISH ANCESTRY AND VISIT TO TURKEY HAS ADDED SIGNIFICANCE FROM THAT STANDPOINT.  
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